

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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LACLEDE - - - - MISSOURI.

Go fishing by all means, but if you let the big ones get away forget them.

Gooseberries, raspberries and green-apple stomach aches are ripe.

When the lake breeze gets cantankerous the safest place is the dry land.

A madman on Lake Erie was calmed by a piece of pie. Thus is Boston vindicated.

Where the aeroplane has the advantage over the automobile is that it can fly across rough ground.

New York is preparing to string so many electric lights along the Hudson that Broadway will be jealous.

If the latest fashion edict among women that "hats and shoes must match" is carried out, where will mere man walk?

The American Federation of Labor says there are 2,000,000 men out of work. So there may be, but the fishing is now good.

This is the season in which the American tourist proceeds to skip from one European capital to another on scheduled time.

Some New Jersey towns now require bakers to deliver each loaf of bread in a sealed aseptic bag. Sanitary science is marching on.

No American style has been as bad as that peach basket affair the former shah used to wear while he was still on the job.

The South American war may eventually materialize, but at present it looks like a very petty quarrel which should be very easily settled.

A big flotilla will accompany the president down the Mississippi river, but it is safe to say that none of the pilots will try to make rings around the president's boat.

Two hundred grenadier hats for women have arrived in New York from Paris. Some day American women will have a Boston tea party for foreign monstrosities of fashion.

It is estimated by the city statistician that Chicago will have a population of over 2,500,000 in 1910. Uncle Sam, however, will send around a man to check up the figures.

Fruit, it is said, retards the hardening of the tissues and thus conduces to the preservation of youthfulness. Yet age is itself a lemon handed out by life to youth and beauty.

A grandson of King Edward goes to the naval college with the reputation of singing a capital song. Still, critics in England may like to hold their jobs.

The czar in visiting his own relatives dares go off his yacht only long enough to take tea, and then when surrounded by Invincibles, Inflexibles, Dreadnoughts, et al., to be sure no bombs or anarchists are around.

A novel law point has been raised by a man in Connecticut who has sued one of his neighbors for a stinging administered by the latter's bees. Curiosity is now rampant to see if the bee-owners will be also "stung."

A man in New York is suing a judge, two police chiefs, three detectives and a coroner for false arrest. He ought to rest satisfied that he had a good reputation, since it took so many to damage it.

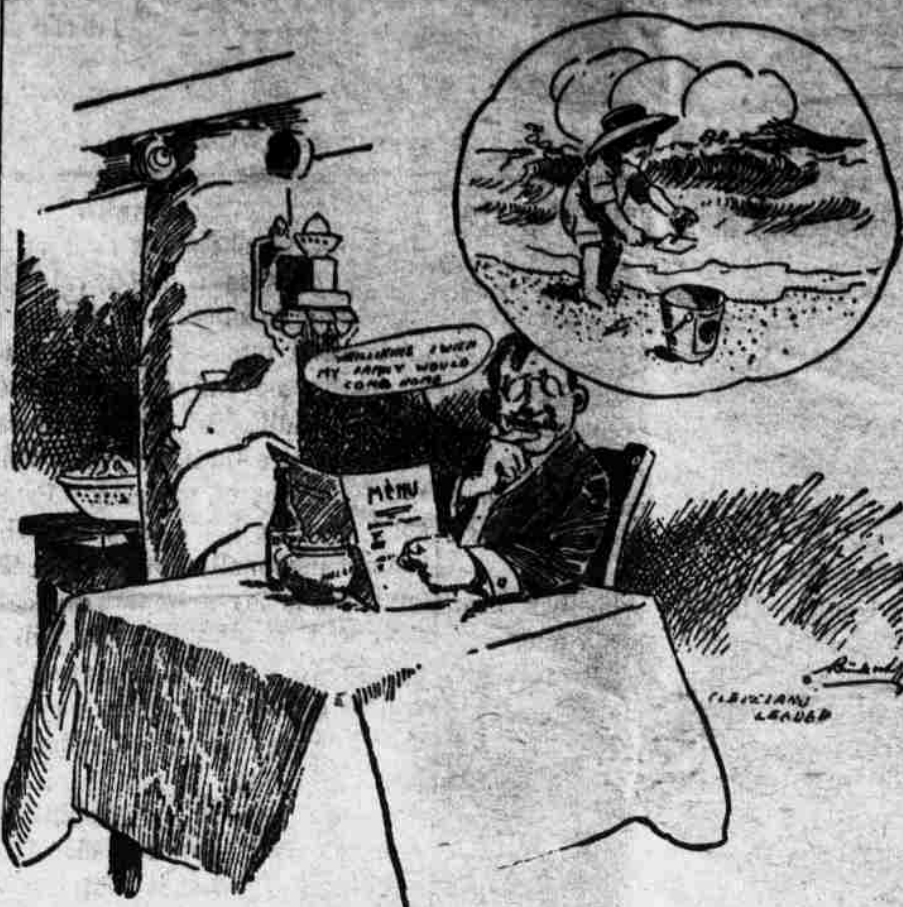
The inmates of Sing Sing make public their need of more tenor voices to assist in the church services. Sing Sing's dearth of singers suggests the proper disposal of the next grand opera star that murders his notes.

Experiments have resulted in the production from petroleum of a brand of butter said to be "something just as good" as the genuine bovine article. But it is doubtful if this sort of "near butter" will be in good odor among those who are a little particular in such matters.

There was a time when the discovery that worms are fond of the jack pine would not have caused a ripple of alarm among the owners of timber. They would have taken a fresh grip on the ax and gone to work with added vigor among the big Norways. But now the jack pine has come to have value, the case is different.

Perhaps the lowering of cable tolls between Great Britain and India, Australia and South Africa is a result of the recent colonial conference in London. However this may be, the British and colonial governments have agreed that hereafter the cable press rate shall be only ninepence instead of a shilling a word between Britain and India, Australia and South Africa.

WHILE THE FAMILY IS AWAY



INCUBATOR BABY KIDNAPED

MRS. BARCLAY TOOK CHILD FROM HOME OF ITS MOTHER.

Arrested in Kansas City—Gov. Stubbs Issues Requisition for Their Return to Kansas.

Topeka, Kansas.—Sheriff J. D. Norton and Deputy County Attorney Arthur Bollinger went to Jefferson City with a requisition on Gov. Hadley of Missouri for Mrs. Stella Barclay and John Gentry, charged with kidnaping Marian Bleakley here Saturday. Chief of Police R. W. Eaton has warrants and is ready to leave in case it is necessary to bring the kidnapers back here.

This action follows the kidnaping here Saturday of Marian Bleakley the famous St. Louis World's Fair incubator baby who has been the cause of litigation extending over several years.

The child was at the home of Mrs. Bleakley in the care of a boy, a relative of Mrs. Bleakley when a man and woman drove to the house, when the man attempted to seize the child the boy interfered and was knocked down. The child was carried to the buggy and thence a few blocks to where an automobile was in waiting when a hurried race for the Missouri line commenced. The parties were arrested in Kansas City.

The warrants charge Mrs. Barclay and Gentry with an assault with attempt to kill and in case the requisition on the kidnaping charge is refused, Gov. Hadley will be asked to honor the one based on the assault charges. Mrs. Bleakley mother of the little girl, and Mrs. Ora Thompson, grandmother, left for Kansas City. The attack on Clarence Belknap at the Bleakley home is the basis for the assault charge.

An Old Trick of the Standard.

Washington, D. C.—The interior department does not intend to permit the Standard Oil company to reduce the price which the Indian oil producers in Oklahoma have been receiving for their crude petroleum, if Acting Secretary Pierce can devise any plan to prevent it. It is reported the Standard Oil company contemplates a reduction of the price from forty-one to thirty-five cents a barrel.

Cost of the Extra Session.

Washington, D. C.—The extraordinary session of congress which completed its revision of the tariff law cost the American people, it has been estimated by some of the statisticians around the capital, about \$500,000. Many different items entered into this grand total, the chief of which is mileage. The house expense on this account aggregates \$154,000 and that of the senate \$47,000.

No Army Reduction for Him.

Leavenworth, Kansas.—Col. R. H. R. Loughborough, commandant of Fort Leavenworth, received a communication from the war department asking for his recommendations in regard to a proposed reduction of the strength of the garrison by ten per cent. Col. Loughborough in his reply stoutly opposed the idea.

A Difficult Task Confronts Spain.

London, England.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Melilla, dated August 21, via Gibraltar, declares that the censorship is very severe and prevents the truth of the situation becoming known through any Spanish route. The position of the Spanish forces, says the Telegraph's correspondent, is extremely difficult and grave at the present moment.

HOME OF ROOSEVELT TROPHIES

Finest Exposition Structure in the United States—Preparing the Skins for Mounting.

Washington, D. C.—The largest and most ornate exposition building in the United States has been completed just in time to receive the unique trophies of the hunt gathered by ex-President Roosevelt in Africa and now about to be unpacked in this city.

This building of granite with floor space of approximately nine and one-half acres and costing \$3,500,000 has been erected by congress for the National Museum and is being put in order for the proper exhibition of various objects that have been collected chief among which are the Roosevelt trophies.

WELLMAN'S FLIGHT A FAILURE

He Only Got 32 Miles on His Way to North Pole When Craft Was Wrecked.

Camp Wellman, Spitzberger, by way of Hammerfest.—Walter Wellman's second attempt to sail over the North Pole in a balloon has resulted in failure. The giant dirigible balloon, America, in which Mr. Wellman and his party of three set out upon their perilous flight, met with a mishap after it had proceeded about 32 miles from the starting point.

Wellman and his party succeeded in making a safe landing and returned to this point on board the steamer Fram, which also towed in the disabled balloon.

GREATEST CATCH OF MULLET

Fishermen at Beaufort, N. C., Secured 500,000 Pounds in One Morning—Loaded Every Vessel.

Beaufort, N. C.—A catch of mullets aggregating 500,000 pounds said to be the largest ever known along the Atlantic Coast was made off this port by deep sea fishermen.

The fishermen went to sea early in search of menhaden but their boats ran into schools of mullets miles long and each vessel was loaded to the gunwales with them.

The catch was brought to market here and the entire working force available here were engaged all night in preparing the fish for shipment.

Want State Troops Removed.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The McKees Rocks city council at a special meeting called for the purpose, appointed a committee to go at once to Harrisburg and ask Gov. Stuart to call the state constabulary from the plant of the Pressed Steel Car company whose 3,500 employees are on strike. Neither the car company nor the strikers were criticized at the council meeting, the purpose being simply to protect the citizens of McKees Rocks and Schoenerville.

Killed in Motor Car Races.

Indianapolis, Indiana.—Three more lives were sacrificed in the speed carnival which has marked the opening of the new Indianapolis Motor Speedway. One mechanician and two spectators were killed when a National car, driven by Charles Metz, in the 300-mile race, lost a tire and crashed through a fence into a group of spectators.

Six Aeroplanes in Flight.

Rheims, France.—The spectacle of six aeroplanes simultaneously winging their flight in huge circles over the plain at Bethany, was a remarkable feat of the opening day of Aviation Week. At the finish of the flight there was a great burst of cheers over this wonderful and impressive exhibition.

TAFT WILL URGE POSTAL BANKS

THE PRESIDENT WILL ASK CONGRESS TO KEEP PARTY PLEDGE

The Government Could Use to Good Advantage the Millions That Be Placed in Its Keeping.

Beverly, Massachusetts.—President Taft indicated in talks with callers that in his message to congress next December, he will strongly urge the early establishment of a postal savings bank system. He will ask that the platform declaration of the Republican party in favor of postal banks be fulfilled as speedily as possible.

President Taft believes that several hundred millions of dollars would be placed at the disposal of the government through postal saving banks. It is suggested that this money might well be employed in taking up the \$600,000,000 or \$700,000,000 of government two per cent bonds, which are outstanding and which have given much concern to the treasury department officials. Already the two per cent bonds are selling below par and there is fear of further depreciation in view of the three per cent issues which have been authorized and which soon may be placed on the market. The president believes that the postal banks would appeal to those timid persons who are afraid to trust the ordinary banks and who would rather get the two per cent or less interest, which the government would give, than to place the money in the regular savings banks where it would draw from three to four per cent interest each year.

RECORD FOR LONGEST FLIGHT

Paulhan Remained in the Air Two Hours 53 Minutes and 24 Seconds—Sailed 83 Miles.

Betheny Aviation Field, Rheims, France.—Another sensational exploit was added to the marvels of aviation week when Paulhan, the plucky French aviator, broke the world's record in a wonderful flight of two hours 53 minutes and 24 seconds. During 20 minutes of the time Paulhan had a heavy rain and wind-storm to contend against. The previous official record for time in the air was made by Wilbur Wright, at Le Mans, December 31, two hours 20 minutes 23 1/5 seconds. The unofficial records, made by Sommer at Marmelons. Paulhan's new record for distance was about 134 kilometers, or 83 miles. He made 13 circuits of the course and the wind squall passed as he was coming down the home stretch for the last time. Simultaneously the dirigible Col. Renard appeared to the westward, plowing its way majestically through the smoke of the city of Rheims.

Bringing a Valuable Cargo.

Port Townsend, Washington.—Cable advices from Yokohama give news of the most valuable cargo ever transported across the Pacific now bound for Puget Sound on the Great Northern Steamship company's liner Minnesota. It was specified to include 3,000 bales of raw silk, 60,000 chests of tea and 15,000 bales of Manila hemp. The value of the silk and tea alone aggregate \$3,000,000. Other shipments will increase the steamer's consignments to more than \$4,000,000.

A Wife Stealer Shot.

Gallatin, Missouri.—Three weeks ago Mrs. Kate Claycomb, the wife of Otis Claycomb, a farmer northeast of this town, left her husband and six children and ran away to Excelsior Springs with John Ward, a neighbor whom she had met at Mrs. Ward's deathbed. Ward went to Claycomb's home to obtain some of the woman's property and in a gurrel he was shot to death by the angry husband.

Three Generations of Veterans.

Higginsville, Missouri.—The soldiers of "To-day, of Yesterday and the Day Before Yesterday" will gather in this city September 9. That day will be the second day of the annual state encampment of the veterans of the war with Mexico, and that day Company I, Third Battalion, Corps of Engineers, will stop over here on the 700-mile practice march it is now making through Missouri and Kansas. The Missouri Confederate Soldiers' Home here will furnish its quota of the soldiers of "yesterday."

Miners Dropped 1,500 Feet.

Mexico City, Mexico.—A special dispatch from Matehuala says that 15 miners were killed and 30 imprisoned by the dropping of a cage into the La Paz mine there. The cable parted and the men dropped 1,500 feet.

Oldfield Lowers Mile Record.

Findlay, Ohio.—Barney Oldfield broke his own record for a mile in an automobile on a half-mile track here when he set the mark at 1:05 3/4. Oldfield's former record was 1:14 3/4.

PAINT BEAUTY.

Assured of durability, the next thought in painting is beauty—the complete aim being durable beauty, or beautiful durability.

National Lead Company here again offer you the co-operation of their paint experts—this time in the line of color schemes, artistic, harmonious and appropriate. You have only to write National Lead Company, 1902 Trinity Building, New York City, for "Houseowners' Painting Outfit No. 49," and you will promptly receive what is really a complete guide to painting, including a book of color schemes for either exterior or interior painting (as you may request), a book of specifications, and also an instrument for detecting adulteration in paint materials. This outfit is sent free, and, to say the least, is well worth writing for.

WANTED THE DATE.



Preacher—Tommy, I hear you have been telling lies. I never told lies when I was your age.

Tommy—When did you begin, sir?

Wedding Fee in Installments.

Some of the squires in rustic New Jersey seem to be pretty hard pushed for cash. To get the cash they do not hesitate to use most unusual methods. One of these J. P.'s advertised the other day that he was ready and willing to marry couples at any time, day or night, for a consideration of \$5 and that he was willing to accept \$1 in cash down and the rest in weekly installments of \$1 until the fee of \$5 was paid up. The very night after the first appearance of this advertisement the J. P. referred to was called upon to "make good" his bluff. Shortly after midnight a couple which had come in an automobile awakened him from his sleep and asked to be married under the installment plan offered in the advertisement. And the J. P. was game and made good.

People Becoming Interested.

Evidence of the popular interest in the anti-consumption crusade is given in a statement made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, to the effect that during the year ending August 31, nearly 3,000,000 people have attended tuberculosis exhibitions in various parts of the country. Besides the three traveling tuberculosis exhibitions of the national association, there are 28 exhibits of this kind throughout the United States. Four years ago there were only three such displays in the entire country.

Trifle Too Esthetic.

"There's no use o' talkin'," said Farmer Cornstossel, as he sat down on the horse trough. "I can't git along with some o' these here summer guests." "What's the trouble?" "I have jes' been lectured by that good lookin' young woman with glasses for spillin' the color scheme of the garden by puttin' paris green on the vegetables."

THREE REASONS

Each with Two Legs and Ten Fingers.

A Boston woman who is a fond mother writes an amusing article about her experience feeding her boys. Among other things she says: "Three chubby, rosy-cheeked boys, Rob, Jack and Dick, aged 6, 4 and 2 years respectively, are three of our reasons for using and recommending the food, Grape-Nuts, for these youngsters have been fed on Grape-Nuts since infancy, and often between meals when other children would have been given candy."

"I gave a package of Grape-Nuts to a neighbor whose 3 year old child was a weakened little thing, ill half the time. The little tot ate the Grape-Nuts and cream greedily and the mother continued the good work, and it was not long before a truly wonderful change manifested itself in the child's face and body. The results were remarkable, even for Grape-Nuts."

"Both husband and I use Grape-Nuts every day and keep strong and well and have three of the finest, healthiest boys you can find in a day's march."

Many mothers instead of destroying the children's stomachs with candy and cake give the youngsters a handful of Grape-Nuts when they are begging for something in the way of sweets. The result is soon shown in greatly increased health, strength and mental activity.

"There's a Reason."

Look in pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.